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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)

Serial No.: 09/457,228)

Filed: December 8, 1999)

For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE
CONFIGURATION)

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: B. Snow

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

This communication is in reply to the restriction requirement dated May 31, 2001, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicant elects Group I for Examination purposes and provisionally elects claims 57-108, 114-120, and 146-200 drawn to Species 4, Figs. 16-18 for prosecution on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 121-130 and amend the claims (with changes as shown in the attachment) as follows:

57. (Amended) An interbody spinal implant for insertion between adjacent vertebral bodies of a human spine, said implant comprising:

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